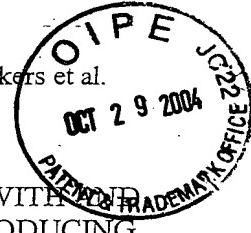


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants received an Office Action on September 7, 2004 in the above-identified application. The Office Action indicated that Claims 13-15 were pending in the application. This is not correct. Claims 13-15 were cancelled in a Second Preliminary Amendment filed on August 21, 2002. The Amendment added new Claims 24-33.

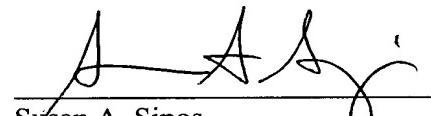
The August 21, 2002 Second Preliminary Amendment is enclosed along with a postcard stamped by the Patent and Trademark Office on August 27, 2002 evincing receipt of the Amendment.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a new first Office Action be issued in this application, taking into account the August 21, 2002 Amendment, and examining new Claims 24-33.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration, which action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning any aspect of this application, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number provided below.

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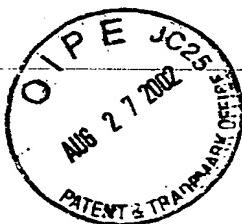
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